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SUBJECT : REACTION TO US NOTE ON BRAZILIAN VOTE IN UN
CONDEMNING ZIONISM

1. BRAZILIAN PRESS OF OCTOBER 25 INCLUDED FRONT PAGE
STORIES BASED ON STATEMENTS MADE BY "OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN"
AND "HIGH DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" WITHIN ITAMARATY REGISTERING
FOREIGN MINISTRY'S IRRITATION OVER U.S. REACTION TO
BRAZIL'S VOTE IN UN SUPPORTING RESOLUTION CONDEMNING
ZIONISM AS FORM OF RACISM AND THREAT TO WORLD PEACE.
ALTHOUGH NUMBER OF ASPECTS OF U.S. REACTION REPORTEDLY
ANGERED ITAMARATY, IT APPEARS THAT MOST GALLING WAS
CONTAINED IN THE ASSERTION THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD
UNILATERALLY DECIDED TO RELEASE TO PRESS TEXT OF
DIPLOMATIC NOTE SENT TO BRAZIL AT SAME TIME NOTE WAS
BEING DELIVERED TO BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES HERE.

2. ITAMARATY'S TESTY REACTION TO U.S. NOTE BASED IN
PART ON ALLEGED PUBLICITY BUT ALSO ON FACT THAT NOTE
WAS EVEN SENT. CHARACTERIZING NOTE'S LANGUAGE AS
"ARROGANT (INSOLITO) AND SURPISING" "SPOKESMAN"

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AND UNIDENTIFIED "HIGH DIPLOMATIC SOURCE" SAID THAT NOTE

INTERFERRED IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BRAZIL AND WITH
EXPRESSION OF ITS NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. SPOKESMAN
WENT ON TO COMPLAIN THAT IN NOTE U.S. HAD IMPROPERLY
SHIFTED TO SPHERE OF U.S. BRAZIL BILATERAL RELATIONS A
SUBJECT WHICH IS BEING DEALT WITH ON MULTILATERAL PLANE.
ALL NEWS STORIES HIGHLIGHTED SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT
THAT "BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT U.S. VIOLATED
AN ELEMENTARY RULE OF DIPLOMACY BY UNILATERALLY DIVULGING
A NOTE SENT TO BRAZIL, FOR IT IS DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE THAT
WHATEVER DOCUMENT SENT BY ONE NATION TO ANOTHER CAN ONLY
BE RELEASED AFTER MUTUAL AGREEMENT."

3. WE PRESUME CLAIM THAT THE NOTE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IS
ERRONEOUS, AND THAT THIS REACTION IS BASED ON DEPARTMENT'S
PRESS RELEASE ON ARAB RESOLUTION RELEASED EARLIER
THIS WEEK (WIDELY CARRIED IN BRAZILIAN PRESS) AND
SUBSEQUENT STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN NAMING
BRAZIL AS ONE OF FOUR COUNTRIES WHICH HAD VOTED FOR THE
RESOLUTION AND WITH WHICH WE HAVE COMMUNICATED
SUBSEQUENTLY. APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION BY IMMEDIATE
CABLE TO EMBASSY AND CON GENS, IN CASE QUESTION
RAISED HERE.

4. MESSAGE COORDINATED WITH EMBASSY.
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